MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : (*a*) No; but a scheme has been sanctioned for training non-official co-operative workers.

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether in the sanctioned scheme regarding the course of instructions to be given, there was any provision for giving instructions to the officers of the department on principles of co-operation?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : No, Sir. There is provision only for training of people who will be appointed as Supervisors, paid Secretaries of Banks etc.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government have considered the desirability of giving instruction to the subordinates of the co-operative department on principles of co-operation?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP : It may be a useful thing to have refresher courses for officers of the department but the present scheme does not contemplate that.

Paddy Purchase Measures.

82. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the rule or circular enforcing ryots to sell paddy to Government at the rate of 40 paras and 50 paras per acre in respect of specified extents was found in practice workable (i) in the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad, Thodupuzha and Parur (ii) in any other part of the State ; and

(*b*) whether the above rule is still in force?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Food Grains Purchase Officer*) : (*a*) (i & ii) Yes. But there were cases in which the quota was reduced on account of the poor yield of the land.

(*b*) The member is referred to the Government Proceedings dated 16th July 1943.

Kara Committees and purchase of Paddy.

83. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of cases, if any, in the whole State where the quantity of paddy purchased till 1-10-1118 by the Government from Travancore ryots after Dhanu 1118 was fixed in consultation with the Kara Committees concerned ; and

(*b*) whether such Kara Committees have made any record o their advice?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : (*a*) The purchase of quota according to the sliding scale rule is compulsory except in cases where the yield is poor. Hence the Kara Committees are not consulted with regard to the quantities of paddy to be purchased. They are consulted only for the ascertainment of the total produce and the requirement of the ryots. It is not possible to give the number of cases in which such consultation has been made.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

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